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Applicant : Stephenson, et al.
 App. No : 09/853,371
 Filed : May 11, 2001
 For : GRACEFUL DEGRADATION
 SYSTEM
 Examiner : Marc M. Duncan
 Art Unit : 2113

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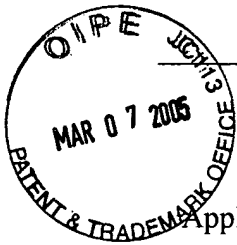
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to October 6, 2004 Office Action in 12 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Total Claims	39 - 59 = 0	2202 (\$25)	0 x 25 =	\$0
Independent Claims	11 - 14 = 0	2201 (\$100)	0 x 100 =	\$0
Multiple Claim		2203 (\$180)		\$0
1 Month Extension		2251 (\$60)		\$0
2 Month Extension		2252 (\$225)		\$225
3 Month Extension		2253 (\$510)		\$0
			TOTAL FEE DUE	\$225

- (X) An extension of time is hereby requested by payment of the appropriate fee indicated above.
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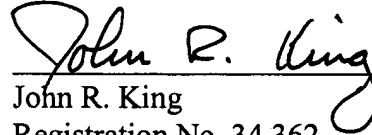
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RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 6, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 31, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and comments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.